

# Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, Year B, Psalter Week 1

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**First Reading:** Reading from the book of Wisdom Ws 2:12.17-20

*Let us condemn him to a shameful death.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 53:3-6.8

*R/. The Lord upholds my life.*

**Second Reading:** Reading from letter of St James Jm 3:16-43

*Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.*

**Gospel:** Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all*

### Anniversary List

**Please pray for** Sam Ballentine and Noel Havlin whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rita Smyth, Leo McGonigal, Margaret Devlin, Gareth McNulty, Noel Boyle, Joan Barbour-McMullen, Mary and Peter McElhatton, Charles Mooney, Theresa McCauley, Tony Marken, May Kennedy, Ernesto Fusciardi, Rita Gordon, and pray also for the Parents and Family of Baby Beatrice Grace McDowell

*May they rest in peace*

## The Liturgy

### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am  
12.00 noon

### Weekday Mass

Monday: 7.00 pm

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday: 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12 noon



### Confession

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

**Friday:** 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

**Saturday:** 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &  
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm

Please contact the Parish Office to book  
(One month's notice required)

### Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

**Weekly Collection 15<sup>th</sup> September: £4162.90**

**Autumn Collection 15<sup>th</sup> September: £2145.10**



*Thank you for your continued support*



### Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

### Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office **by 12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin.

### St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group

St Brigid's Baby and Toddler Group will start back on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.**

*We look forward to welcoming you all back and also welcoming new faces to the group.*



### Children's Liturgy Registration Sunday

**Registration for Children** wishing to attend Children's Liturgy will be held at the **9.30am Mass this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

***Classes will begin on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at the 9.30am Mass***

### GIFT – Growing in Faith Together

**GIFT 5** programme (Year 12) will start back this Sunday, **29<sup>th</sup> September**, from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.** The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 20th October.

The first week will be an opportunity for our wonderful young people to reconnect after the summer. We have a fun-filled evening planned, playing games and enjoying delicious pizza.



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back and meeting our new GIFT members.

### **ST BRIGID'S ONE WORLD GROUP ANNUAL COLLECTION**

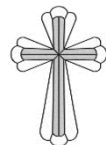
*Many thanks again to all who have contributed to the collection and have set up new Standing Orders.*

*The collection currently stands at £29,186 including gift aid.  
Donations are still welcome.*

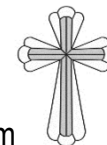
*Envelopes are available in the room off the Church porch and can be returned in the collection baskets on Sundays or to the Parish office.*

*For information, please phone 07525634440*

### Welcome into the Church and Parish Family



Eibhlín Annie Roddy, Jacob Thomas Joseph Armstrong,  
James Jude Murphy-McCluskey, Lucy Jackson,  
Tessa Josephine Gloria Bingham and, Daire and Sé Cunningham



**who were Baptised this month in St Brigid's**

## **'Creative fidelity for our Common Home'**

St Brigid's Parish invites you to join us, to celebrate the Season of Creation, at our inaugural annual talk on the theme of faith and environment - exploring together how faith can impel us to act for the good of our planet and it's peoples.

**Guest Speaker: Dr Allen Sleith**

*Minister of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church; Presbyterian Representative on Eco-Congregation Ireland.*

**Date:** Friday 4th October  
**Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre  
**Time:** 7.30 pm



***The Parish One World Group is delighted to announce  
a Table Quiz on 18th October in the Parish Hall  
7.45 for 8pm start.***

***Bring your own drinks and snacks!***

***To book a table or find out more, please phone Kevin on 07525634440***

***[Even if you haven't got enough people for a team,  
please come along and we will link you up with others to make up a table.]***

***Raffle prizes gratefully accepted***

## Sign of Hope

The number entering the Irish Seminary this year is 16 – it shows a slow growth: 2021 – 6; 2022 – 9; 2023 – 15; 2024 – 16. A further 18 are preparing to enter the seminary in 2025. It is indeed a sign of hope – but it will be many years before Ordinations. This total number currently studying for Diocesan Priesthood in Ireland is 45, in our Diocese of Down and Connor, 5 are preparing to enter the seminary in 2025; 1 entering this year, 2024; and 3 are currently studying for the priesthood. Keep praying for Vocations.

## RCIA Classes

**RCIA** (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Meetings will be held on **Thursday nights from 6.30 – 8.00pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, BT1 1HH** from October to May. **The start date for the programme is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.** The first step is to request a registration form by emailing [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

*For more information please visit the [Diocesan Website](#)*

## St Brigid's – Season of Creation

### Eco – Tips

Each of us could reduce our carbon emissions. Here are some ideas:

- 1 Cycle, walk, use public transport or car-share instead of driving
- 2 Turn off lights when leaving a room/install energy saving light
- 3 Wash laundry at 30 degrees celsius when possible/dry washing outside
- 4 Use reusable water bottles to reduce single use plastic

### Gardening Club

#### **"Green Fingers Wanted!"**

The Parish Community Association (PCA) is keen to start a gardening club. Do you have a passion for gardening? Are you interested in helping to establish this new club? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Paul at [pgshevlin@gmail.com](mailto:pgshevlin@gmail.com) or Anne Marie at [am.duffy@icloud.com](mailto:am.duffy@icloud.com)."



**Coffee Morning**

Join us for a coffee morning for our friend and P7 classroom assistant Dalal.

We are raising funds to help get her family safely out of Gaza.

Friday 27th  
September  
8:30am - 11.30am

St Brigids Parish Hall  
Derryvolgie Avenue  
Belfast

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Raffle tickets will also be available to buy with fabulous prizes such as Lyric Family pass for Christmas Show, Signed "More" Niall Conlon Print Titanic Hotel Champagne Afternoon Tea x 2, Paddy Raff tickets, Culloden Spa Day, 1 night B&B Clayton Hotel Belfast, 1 night B&B Maldron Hotel Derry with facial, 1 night B&B Malone Lodge, Batisti Hair voucher and more £5 per ticket, please bring cash!

*Enter to Win*